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**I**N OTHER ISSUES, I have traced for you some of the many references to Israel in the New Testament, showing that the New Testament is as much an Israel book as is the Old Testament. In this issue, I want to examine the Book of Revelation, to show you that this, too, is an Israel book.

No book in the whole Bible is as little understood as the Book of Revelation. It is a prophetic book: history pre-written. But it is much more difficult to understand than any other prophetic book, because it is written principally in symbols.

The period of time covered by the Book of Revelation is the entire Christian Era—and even beyond, into the beginnings of Eternity. When the prophet Daniel wrote his prophecies, those were not for his own times, but for the remote future; so the angel told Daniel, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the Time of the End: Go thy way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the Time of the End." (Daniel 12:4, 9)—In contrast to this, the angel told John, in Revelation 22:10, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for

the time is at hand." So the Book of Revelation prophetically covers all time from John's own day onward.



No one can hope to understand this book unless he knows that it is an Israel book, and that most of its symbols are Israel symbols. When we recognize this, many of the difficult passages become fairly clear. In the fourth chapter. John is given a vision of the throne of God and in verses 6 and 7 he describes its surroundings: "And in the midst of the throne and round about the throne were four living creatures ---and the first living creature was like a lion, and the second living creature like a young bullock, and the third living creature

had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

"—In the first chapter of Ezekiel, that prophet also beheld the throne of God, and likewise saw that it was surrounded by four living creatures whose faces were, respectively, those of a man, a lion, a bull, and an eagle. What is the meaning of these four living creatures on the four sides of the throne? This was **THE CAMP OF ISRAEL**, formed in a hollow square, with the Tabernacle of God in the center, as described in the second chapter of the Book of Numbers. The Tribes were commanded to form their encampments in a hollow square, protectively surrounding the Tabernacle in the center. On the east side of the square camped the three tribes of Judah, Issachar and Zebulun, under the leadership of Judah, whose banner was a **LION**.

On the south side were camped the tribes of Reuben, Simeon and Gad, led by Reuben, whose banner was a **MAN**. On the west side camped the tribes of Ephraim, whose banner was a **BULL**. And on the north, camped

Dan, Asher and Naphtali, led by Dan, whose banner I was a FLYING EAGLE. This should not surprise you, for the symbolism is both clear and logical: where should the throne of God be found but in the midst of the camp of His People, Israel?

Around God's throne, John saw twenty-four lesser thrones, on which sat 24 elders wearing crowns. In the fifth chapter, these elders sing, "Thou ... hast made us unto our God, **KINGS AND PRIESTS**: and we shall reign on the earth. This again identifies them as Israel, for we read in the nineteenth chapter of Exodus that God said, "Ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation"—something never said about anyone but Israel. There were 24 of these "elders," two for each of the Tribes.

We are not told directly how these twenty-four are selected. But a logical explanation would be that 12 of them are the original patriarchs, the twelve sons of Israel; as to the other 12, Jesus told the Apostles, "Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve Tribes of Israel."—Remember this, they are not going to judge the Methodists and the Catholics, the Episcopalians and the Baptists, but "the twelve Tribes of Israel."

In the seventh chapter of Revelation, John saw four angels holding back the four winds, so that the great storms of war and conflict could not overwhelm the earth until the Seal of God's protection was placed upon His servants. John heard the angel command. "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed **THE SERVANTS OF OUR GOD** in their foreheads." (Rev. 7:3)—God's servants, of course, are His people Israel. In Isaiah 44:21-23, God says, "Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art My servant:--

I have formed thee; thou art My servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of Me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions,

and as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me: for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens: for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains. O forest and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel." Therefore, when John witnesses the sealing of God's servants, he tells us, "And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of **ALL THE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**" (Rev. 7:4)—Then the seventh chapter goes on to list different tribes which were so sealed.

All the Tribes except Dan are mentioned, and Dan was omitted for a good reason. The "world" of which this Book is speaking, when it describes the various plagues which are to come upon the world as the consequences of the people's wickedness, is the Roman "world," the portion of the earth then occupied by the various "beast" nations of the Babylonian Succession of World Empires. By the time John wrote the Book of Revelation, the Tribe of Dan had already migrated out of this area, partly by sea through the Straits of Gibraltar into the British Isles and beyond, partly across Europe through the Danube Valley to the Baltic Sea and to the peninsula of Denmark. Therefore, the Tribe of Dan did not need special protection from the plagues which were about to fall upon the whole Roman World Empire.

Next, in the eleventh chapter, we find that John was given a reed, like a measuring rod, and was told, "Rise, and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple, leave out, and measure it not for it is given to the gentiles."—The prophet Ezekiel was similarly told to observe the measurement of the temple of God, in Ezekiel chapters 40 through 43. This, of course, was exclusively an Israel institution, for no other race or nation has ever had it. It was always true that the Temple was exclusively for Israelites, and others were forbidden to enter the Temple proper.

Thus, we find God saying in Ezekiel 44:6-9, "O ye House of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, in that ye have brought into My

sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to pollute it, even My house .... And ye have not kept the charge of Mine holy things .... Thus saith the Lord God: No stranger, uncircumcised in heart nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into My sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the Children of Israel." Consistent with this rule, John was told in Revelation 11:2, "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not: for it is given unto the gentiles."

Thus we see that even in the prophetic future, the separation of God's people Israel from all other nations and races is kept clear. The Bible is an Israel Book throughout.

The twelfth chapter of Revelation begins thus: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the **SUN**, and the **MOON** under her feet, and upon her head a crown of **TWELVE STARS**."—This reference to the sun, moon, and twelve stars is old Israel symbolism, first used in Genesis 37:9-11, where the boy Joseph tells his father Israel of his dream. "And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, 'Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and behold. the **SUN** and **MOON** and the eleven **STARS** made obeisance to me': And he told it to his father and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him and said unto him.

'What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?' And his brethren envied him: but his father observed the saying." Israel himself correctly interpreted the dream: the sun was himself, the moon was his wife, and the eleven stars were Joseph's brothers (Joseph himself made the twelfth).—So we see in Revelation 12:1 that the symbolic woman clothed with the sun, having the moon under her feet, and wearing a crown of twelve stars, symbolizes the race of Israel. The following verses make this immistakably clear: "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten

horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God and to His throne."

Obviously the man child destined to rule all nations with a rod of iron is Jesus Christ, for Revelation 19:11-16 clearly says so: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war ---- And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: **AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON:** and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God, And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords."—Again, we know the Israel symbolism to be correct, for it was God's people Israel who gave birth to Jesus Christ. In Romans 9:4-5, it speaks of Israelites: to whom pertaineth the adoption and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came."

So we see correctly symbolized God's people Israel giving birth to Jesus, while the red dragon stood waiting to devour Him as soon as He was born. We know that the Edomite Jew, King Herod, did try to murder Jesus within a few days after His birth. Revelation 12:5 tells us that the woman's Child "was caught up unto God and His throne." We know that Jesus, after His resurrection, did ascent to heaven, where He sits on the throne of God.

**Rev. 12:6, 13-17** further confirm the Israel identity: "And the woman fled into the wilderness where she hath a place prepared of God." The peoples of Israel spent centuries migrating through the wilderness to their new homes in northern and western Europe, far beyond reach of the evil powers of the "beast" nations. These verses further say, "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which

brought forth the man child."—Yes, this the dragon did, from the very beginning. Read these verses of the Book of Acts, and you will see that it was the Jews who persecuted the Christians: Chapter 4, verses 1-3, 16-21; 5:17-18, 27-33; 6:8 to 7:60; 9:22-23; 12:1-4; 13:44-45, 50; 14:2, 19; 17:5, 13; 18:12; 20:1-3; 21:27; and 23:12.

But God never abandoned His people, for Rev. 12:14 tells us, "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place."—Again, this is familiar Israel symbolism, for in Exodus 19:4, God tells His people, "Ye have seen ... how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself."

But the serpent's people, having failed to kill off Israel, tried another weapon against them, for Rev. 12:15-16 says "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth." Rev. 17:15 tells us "The waters which thou sawest ... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."—So the serpent's new attack was an attempt to destroy God's race by mongrelization. The great Asiatic invasions under Atilla and Genghis Khan were sent to overrun and intermix with the Israelites on their march into Europe, but they succeeded only in hurrying the migration of Israel, and were not able to overrun them.

Finally, the identification of Israel is completed in Chapter 12:17: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." We know that all the real Israelite nations today do "have the testimony of Jesus Christ"—not Judaism, but Christianity. Call the roll of the great Christian nations of the world today, those who have demonstrated what true Christianity can do for the nation which will wholeheartedly follow it, and you have the list of the Anglo-Saxon nations: the United States, Germany, Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and heroic little Finland. There are pockets of Israel peoples existing in many other nations.



The original City of Babylon had perished by the time John wrote this book; yet, he speaks of "Great Babylon" in prophecies extending to the end of this age. Therefore, he is speaking of the Babylonian System, which did not end with the fall of the city, but is with us even today. It completely dominates our present Jewish economic and financial system, it forms a powerful portion of our present Jewish-controlled religious system, and it dominates the political systems of the world today. But even Babylon must be subject to the laws of God when the Final Judgment comes.

**Chapter 17** deals with religious Babylon in its present form. while Chapter 18 covers the Babylonian economic system of today. From the description given, it is easy to identify those of whom it is speaking. An angel announces the fall of this system, and the despair of those who have used it to gain world power.

He tells them, "thy merchants were the great men of the earth: for by thy sorceries were all the nations deceived" (18:23), and describes which merchants these are, who handle "the merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pearls, and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet; and all aromatic wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble; and cinnamon, and odors. and ointments and frankincense; and wine; and oil, and fine flour, and wheat; and cattle and sheep; and horses and chariots; and slaves and souls of men" (18:12-13). There you have it: gold and jewelry; the clothing industry; luxury items; the drug industry; the liquor industry; wholesale foods and meat-packing industry: when you find the people who have largely monopolized these trades—the Jews—you have thereby identified the economic side of "Great Babylon."

But the Babylonian System in all its phases is evil, and has brought misery and grief to the great majority of the people of the world for these many centuries: therefore, God prophesies its overthrow and judgment in this chapter. We are warned to drive them out, for God tells us, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath

remembered her iniquities." (18:4-5)—The judgment which we—yes, **WE**—are commanded to execute upon Great Babylon is pure Israel law. "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and **DOUBLE** unto her **DOUBLE** according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double" (18:6).

Under Israel law, a thief must always restore to his victim at least double what he stole: for example, Exodus 22:9 commands "For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay **DOUBLE** unto his neighbor." This being justice to require of God's people, surely it is the minimum justice to require of Satan's children.

Again, we are told, in Rev. 18:24 that the evil activities of this Great Babylon have been basically responsible for all the murders of the innocent, for it says. "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth". This book is prophetic of all time, even to the end of this age, so this covers their guilt of the millions of Christians who have been murdered behind the Iron Curtain in our own day, as well as the other millions slain in the wars which their plots have brought on and are bringing on Jesus Christ Himself identified them for us.

**In Matthew 23:29-35.** He clearly referred to the same thing, saying: "Woe unto you. Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, and say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up, then, the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your

synagogues, and persecute them from city to city. That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, the son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar."—In carrying on to its conclusion the conspiracy originated by their ancestors, the wicked also take the responsibility from the beginning to the end. In Matthew 27:25, they acknowledge it, for we read "Then answered all the people and said, 'His blood be upon us and on our children.'"

**In Rev. 20:4** we again find Israel in the picture. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them."—This is the very thing of which Jesus spoke to His disciples in Matthew 19:28, "Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon 12 thrones judging the 12 Tribes of Israel."

During this age, Jesus Christ rules the gentile nations with a rod of iron, compelling them to live by the Laws of God. In Micah 4:4-5, it says "And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it."

Even men who think of themselves as religious have thought that they can bring this to pass by their own wisdom and power, through alliances with Satan in the United Nations, which bars all mention of the name of Jesus Christ. But no good can ever come from a godless source. Disarmament and peace can come only when "the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it"—not when it is spoken by Jews and other parasites.

The gentile races have lived under their own rule, according to their own ideals, for 6,000 years of continuous tyranny and cruelty, poverty and

disease, misery and filth. They have rejected the Laws of God, so they must receive the consequences of their own choice. Proverbs 1:29-31 tells it: "They hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: they would none of My counsel: they despised all My reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."—Jesus Christ explained all this in the fourteenth through the seventeenth chapters of John, when he said:--

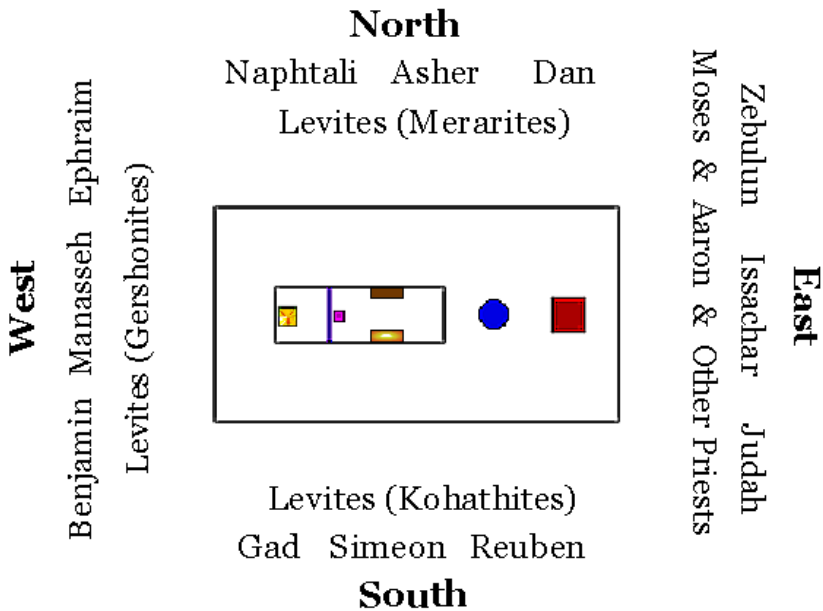
"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever: even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: ---I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gayest them Me:---I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me."

Finally, the twenty-first chapter of Revelation describes the Lamb's wife, the New Jerusalem, the city of God's people. Here, again, many churches have taught false doctrine because they would not take the trouble to study the Bible, but only their doctrines. Before it is too late, they should remember that Jesus Christ quoted those terrible words from Isaiah, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." They distort the whole Bible, trying to apply all of God's promises to their church. Some of them teach that Christ's bride is the church.

They never got that out of the Bible, which teaches plainly that the church is Christ's body. As Paul says, in Ephesians 1:22-23, "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to **THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY**, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." No one marries his own body. Christ's wife is His people Israel, as the Bible shows in many places, for example, Jeremiah 3:12-14. "Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord: and I will not cause Mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord: for **I AM MARRIED UNTO YOU.**"—Again, in the fifty-fourth chapter of Isaiah,

God says to Israel, "Fear not: for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For **THY MAKER IS THINE HUSBAND:** The Lord of Hosts is His name; and thy Redeemer the, Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called."

The description of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, given in the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, again shows that it is God's people Israel. It describes the foundations of its walls, naming the stones of which it is made. These are the stones which were set in the breast-plate of the High Priest of Israel. Also, it describes the city as surrounded by a high wall, saying, "And had a wall great and high, and twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, **WHICH ARE THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**



On the east, three gates: on the north, three gates: on the south, three gates: and on the west, three gates."—As we have seen, this is the familiar hollow square of the camp of Israel, with three tribes on each of the four sides. But in this final City of God, set up for all eternity, note that it is surrounded by a high wall, so that nobody can get in except through one of the gates, and these gates are the Twelve Tribes of Israel. In Revelation 22:14, it says, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in **THROUGH THE GATES** into the city."

So never let anyone tell you that the Jews are Israel, for we have often proved that they are not; nor that God has cast off His people Israel, for He has not. The whole Bible is an Israel book, commencing with its first book, Genesis; and we have now seen that even the last book, that of Revelation, is also an Israel book, not only through all of this age, but even into Eternity.



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